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MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre in Palghat taluk.

* 1195 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre run by the Vadavanoor Mahila Samajam in Palghat taluk, South Malabar; and, if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

RI O. KORAN :—" മഹിളാ സമാജം നടത്തുന്ന വടവന്നൂർ മെറേറർണിററി സെൻറർ വളരെ അധികം ആളുകൾക്ക് ഉപയോഗപ്രദമാകകൊണ്ട് അതിനു ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവമ്മെൻറു ആലോചിക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is reported that the Mahila Samajam is not running any maternity centre. That being so, how can any Government grant be given? "

Enforcement of the Weights and Measures Act in respect of rice.

* 1196 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government issued any orders under which the dealers of rice ration shops were forced by the Rationing Officers to purchase scales and weights at a cost of Rs. 80 per set in the year 1951 to enforce the operation of the Weights and Measures Act in this State;

(*b*) which dealer in the Madras City took the monopoly of supplying scales and weights; and

(*c*) whether the Act was enforced afterwards in respect of rice?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government decided that the new scheme of issue of rations by weight in Madras City instead of by measure should be put into effect from 31st December 1950. In accordance with that decision, instructions were issued to the City Rationing Officer, Madras, to serve notices upon retail dealers that they would be replaced, if they did not provide themselves with scales and weights by 25th November 1950. The City Rationing Officer, Madras, and the Assistant Rationing Officers carried out these orders and issued instructions to the retail dealers for providing themselves with the necessary scales and weights.

" (*b*) No dealer in Madras City was given the monopoly for the supply of scales and weights. The ration shop dealers were instructed to provide themselves with scales and weights by making local purchases.

"(c) The Government dropped the scheme of issue of rations by weight in Madras City. The scheme was not given effect to."

Number of Harijans in the non-gazetted establishment of the Prohibition department in Malabar.

* 1197 *Q.*—Sri M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Harijans in the categories of Inspectors, Petty officers and Guards in the Prohibition department in Malabar?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The number of Harijans employed in the Prohibition department in the Malabar district in the three categories mentioned in the question is as follows:—

(1) Inspectors—Nil.

(2) Petty officers—3.

(3) Prohibition guards—9."

Sri M. CHADAYAN:—"മലബാറിൽ അനേകം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സിദ്ധിച്ച ഹരിജനങ്ങൾ ഉദ്യോഗം കിട്ടാതെ അലഞ്ഞുനടക്കുന്ന വിവരം ഗവൎമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു് അറിയാമോ? അവൎക്ക് കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കാൻ പ്രോഹിബിഷൻ ഡിപ്പാൎട്ടുമെൻറിന്നു് ഗവൎമ്മെണ്ടു് നിൎദ്ദേശം കൊടുക്കുമോ?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—"Will any one translate the hon. Member's question?"

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"The hon. Member wants to know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there are so many unemployed persons among the Harijans of Malabar and whether the Government will see that some of those people are given employment in the Prohibition department."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The Government are alive to the need for appointing more Harijans. We will certainly consider their case."

Realignment of the highways.

* 1198 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to Question No. 536, dated 16th July 1953, whether the Government of India have approved the realignment of the highway as suggested by the Madras Government and by the Chief Engineer of the Highways department?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"After further examination of the proposal, the Government of India have since decided, in favour of the retention of the existing route of the West Coast road passing through Taliparamba as the final alignment of this road."